

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 9, 17, and 25 as follows.

Please cancel claims 6, 14, and 22.

Please add claims 26-49.

1. [Currently Amended] A machine-readable medium having embodied thereon a software interconnectivity program, said program being executable by an electronic device to perform method steps for interfacing and interconnecting data between one or more independent software applications, comprising the steps of:

 [entering] receiving said data into a data entry panel of said [an] electronic device;

 sending said data to an interconnectivity program module; and

 interfacing said data to one or more independent software applications for processing of said data by said applications wherein one of said independent software applications is an accounts payable program.
2. [Original] The machine readable medium of Claim 1, further comprising the step of verifying said data by comparing to a plurality of predetermined audit criteria before interfacing said data to said software applications.
3. [Original] The machine-readable medium of Claim 1, further comprising the step of storing and retrieving said data in a database of said interconnectivity program module.

4. [Original] The machine-readable medium of Claim 1 further comprising the step of converting said data to a file format that is compatible with said software applications after interfacing said data to said software applications.

5. [Original] The machine-readable medium of Claim 1, wherein one of said independent software applications is a payroll-processing program.

6. [Cancelled]

7. [Original] The machine-readable medium of Claim 1, wherein one of said independent software applications is a project management program.

8. [Original] The machine-readable medium of Claim 1, wherein one of said independent software applications is a billing program.

9. [Currently Amended] A data processing system for interfacing and interconnecting data between one or more independent software applications, comprising:

- one or more data entry panels for receiving [entering] data into said system;
- one or more processors coupled to said system;
- one or more independent software applications executable on said processors

wherein one of said independent software applications is an accounts payable program;

and

an interconnectivity program module to interface said data to said processors for processing by said software applications.

10. [Original] The data processing system of Claim 9, further comprising a plurality of predetermined audit criteria for verifying said data before interfacing said data to said software applications.

11. [Original] The data processing system of Claim 9, wherein the interconnectivity program module further comprises a database for storage and retrieval of said data.

12. [Original] The data processing system of Claim 9, further comprising a means for converting said data to a file format that is compatible with said software applications.

13. [Original] The data processing system of Claim 9, wherein one of said independent software applications is a payroll-processing program.

14. [Cancelled]

15. [Original] The data processing system of Claim 9, wherein one of said independent software applications is a project management program.

16. [Original] The data processing system of Claim 9, wherein one of said independent software applications is a billing program.

17. [Currently Amended] A method for processing data for interfacing and interconnecting between one or more independent software applications, comprising:

- providing one or more data entry panels for receiving [entering] data into said system;
- providing one or more processors coupled to said system;
- providing one or more independent software applications executable on said processors wherein one of said independent software applications is an accounts payable program; and
- providing an interconnectivity program module to interface said data to said processors for processing by said software applications.

18. [Original] The method for processing data of Claim 17, further comprising the step of providing a means for verifying said data by comparing to a plurality of predetermined audit criteria before said interconnectivity program module interfaces said data to said software applications.

19. [Original] The method for processing data of Claim 17, further comprising the step of providing a database in said interconnectivity program module for storing and retrieving said data.

20. [Original] The method for processing data of Claim 17, further comprising the step of providing a means for converting said data to a file format that is compatible with said software applications after interfacing said data to said software applications.

21. [Original] The method for processing data of Claim 17, wherein one of said independent software applications is a payroll-processing program.

22. [Cancelled]

23. [Original] The method for processing data of Claim 17, wherein one of said independent software applications is a project management program.

24. [Original] The method for processing data of Claim 17, wherein one of said independent software applications is a billing program.

25. [Currently Amended] A data processing system for interfacing and interconnecting data between one or more independent software applications, comprising:

- one or more data entry panels for receiving [entering] data into said system from [by] a data entry operator;
- one or more processors coupled to said system;
- one or more independent software applications executable on said processors wherein one of said independent software applications is an accounts payable program;
- an interconnectivity program module to interface said data to said processors for processing by said software applications, further comprising a database for storage and retrieval of said data;
- a plurality of predetermined audit criteria for verifying said data before interfacing said data to said software applications; and
- a means for converting said data to a file format that is compatible with said software applications.

26. [New] A software product for processing time data and expense data, the software product comprising:

interconnectivity software operational when executed by a processor to direct the processor to receive the time data into a program module, store the time data in a time and expense database in the program module, receive the expense data into the program module, store the expense data in the time and expenses database, transfer the time data from the time and expenses database to a payroll system, and transfer the expense data from the time and expenses database to an accounts payable system; and

a software storage medium operational to store the interconnectivity software.

27. [New] The software product of claim 26 wherein the interconnectivity software is operational when executed by the processor to direct the processor to verify the time data in the program module.

28. [New] The software product of claim 26 wherein the interconnectivity software is operational when executed by the processor to direct the processor to verify the expense data in the program module.

29. [New] The software product of claim 26 wherein the interconnectivity software is operational when executed by the processor to direct the processor to convert the time data into a format compatible with the payroll system.

30. [New] A method for processing time data and expense data, the method comprising:

receiving the time data into a program module;

storing the time data in a time and expense database;

receiving the expense data into the program module;

storing the expense data in the time and expenses database;

transferring the time data from the time and expenses database to a payroll system; and

transferring the expense data from the time and expenses database to an accounts payable system.

31. [New] The method of claim 30 further comprising verifying the time data in the program module.

32. [New] The method of claim 30 further comprising verifying the expense data in the program module.

33. [New] The method of claim 30 further comprising converting the time data into a format compatible with the payroll system.

34. [New] The method of claim 30 further comprising generating payment in the payroll system based on the time data.

35. [New] The method of claim 30 wherein transferring the time data comprises communicating between the program module and the payroll system.

36. [New] The method of claim 30 wherein transferring the expense data comprises communicating between the program module and the accounts payable system.

37. [New] The method of claim 30 further comprising generating payment in the accounts payable system based on the expense data.

38. [New] The method of claim 30 further comprising:
transferring the time data from the payroll system to a projects system; and
transferring the expense data from the accounts payable system to the projects system.

39. [New] The method of claim 38 further comprising processing the time data and the expense data in the projects system to generate a report.

40. [New] The method of claim 30 further comprising processing the time data and the expense data in a billing system to generate an invoice.

41. [New] A data processing system for processing time data and expense data, the data processing system comprising:

a program module configured to receive the time data, receive the expense data, transfer the time data from a time and expenses database to a payroll system, and transfer the expense data from the time and expenses database to an accounts payable system; and

the time and expense database configured to store the time data and store the expense data.

42. [New] The data processing system of claim 41 wherein the program module is further configured to verify the time data.

43. [New] The data processing system of claim 41 wherein the program module is further configured to verify the expense data.

44. [New] The data processing system of claim 41 wherein the program module is further configured to convert the time data into a format compatible with the payroll system.

45. [New] The data processing system of claim 41 further comprising the payroll system wherein the payroll system is configured to generate payment based on the time data.

46. [New] The data processing system of claim 41 further comprising the accounts payable system wherein the accounts payable system is configured to generate payment based on the expense data.

47. [New] The data processing system of claim 41 further comprising a projects system configured to receive the time data from the payroll system and receive the expense data from the accounts payable system.

48. [New] The data processing system of claim 47 wherein the projects system is configured to process the time data and the expense data to generate a report.

49. [New] The data processing system of claim 41 further comprising a billing system configured to process the time data and the expense data to generate an invoice.